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**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ILLINOIS
STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.**

The twenty-first annual meeting of the Illinois State Historical Society will be held in the Senate Chamber in the Capitol building at Springfield, on Friday, May 14, 1920.

The annual address will be delivered by Hon. O. A. Harker of the University of Illinois. The subject of Judge Harker's address is "Fifty years with the Bench and Bar of Southern Illinois."

The State of Illinois has supplied to the cause of equal suffrage some of its most prominent and influential workers. This state was also the first to ratify the Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States which gave to women full rights as citizens.

Mrs. Grace Wilbur Trout who has borne a great part in the work which achieved this result, will tell the Society the story of the suffrage movement and its final victory as it relates to Illinois. Her address is entitled—"Some Sidelights on Illinois Suffrage History."

Miss Mary E. McDowell, noted settlement worker and author will give an account of her "Twenty-five years in an Industrial Community."

Prof. Arthur C. Cole, one of the authors of the Centennial history, will speak to the Society on "Illinois Women of the Middle Period."

The addresses of Mrs. Trout, Miss McDowell, and Professor Cole, taken together with the splendid address of Mrs. Joseph C. Bowen, given before the Society last year on the part taken by the women of Illinois in the World War, will present a vivid picture of the work and influence of the women of Illinois in the philanthropic and economic development of the State, from the beginning of the Civil War to the present time.

The transactions of the Society for this year will be of great interest to those interested especially in the work of women.

Mr. Charles Bradshaw of Carrollton, Illinois, editor of the Patriot, of that city, will relate the interesting history of Greene County, which is this year one hundred years old.

Another address will be given by Mrs. Edna Armstrong Tucker of Rock Island, who will speak on the life and work of Benjamin Walsh, the first state Entomologist of Illinois.

One of the pleasant features of the annual meeting of the Society will be the usual luncheon.

DR. EDMUND J. JAMES RESIGNS AS PRESIDENT OF UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS ON ACCOUNT OF ILL HEALTH.

Dr. Edmund J. James tendered his resignation as president of the university of Illinois at the annual meeting of the board of trustees at Urbana, Tuesday, March 9, 1920. No action was taken because of the lack of a quorum. The resignation will be accepted at the next meeting of the board.

Dr. James will probably be made president emeritus of the University dating from September 1, 1920, with such retiring allowance as the board may decide. It is understood that Dr. David Kinley who has been acting president since president James temporarily was relieved of his duties last July, will succeed Dr. James as president. Dr. James peti-

tioned the trustees last July for a leave of absence of one year and one month, giving ill health as the reason. The leave was granted as his physicians had ordered absolute rest from all responsibilities, and for a time he went to Florida.

His letter of resignation which was received last month by Robert F. Carr, president of the board of trustees reads in part as follows: "I have wept useless tears at having to give up, but it is of no use. I cannot go on and do justice to the institution. I had been hoping against hope that my health would improve, so I could again undertake the work from which I was relieved last July.

"As the months have passed, the conviction that I should not return to active service has deepened, mainly because I feel that I have reached the age where I should retire from active duty.

"I look forward with confidence to an even greater future for the University. It has grown into the hearts of the people of the State, and it will do so in a larger way in the years to come. I know its affairs are in a critical condition because of the inadequate income.

"Passing as I do from the active administration of the institution, I can say, without fear that any one will think me personally interested, that the next legislature ought to double its current income and provide a fund adequate for its physical expansion."

Dr. James who has been up to the present time the only native Illinoisan to head the institution, has been president of the University of Illinois for fourteen years. He was the fourth to hold the office and succeeded Dr. Andrew S. Draper.

During his period of service he has seen the annual enrollment increase from 3,000 to approximately 9,000.

Dr. James was born in Jacksonville, Illinois, on May 21, 1855. During his educational career, he held positions at Evanston High School, Model High School, Normal, Illinois, Wheaton School of Finance and Economics, University of Pennsylvania, University of Chicago and Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois.

He was president of Northwestern University from 1902 to 1904, and was appointed head of the University of Illinois in 1905.

When the United States entered the war in 1917, he offered the facilities of the University to the government. He directed the establishment of schools for the manufacture of warfare chemicals and military aeronautics and supervised the organization of the University's S. A. T. C., which had an enrollment of 3,033. President James was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Illinois State Historical Library, 1897-1907. He is one of the founders of the Illinois State Historical Society, and has been a director of the Society since its organization.

ILLINOIS WOMEN VOTE IN THE PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, APRIL 13, 1920.

Illinois women who chose to do so voted at the presidential preference primaries on April 13. Whether their vote will be counted in with those cast by the men depends entirely upon whether the full suffrage federal constitutional amendment is ratified and promulgated by the Secretary of State at Washington before primary day. The women's votes were cast in separate ballot boxes and the count will be kept apart from the tally of the male votes. It doesn't make any real difference, at that, whether the suffrage amendment is ratified. The Illinois primary vote is purely advisory, the women's ballots were cast and the result will be known, regardless of what happens to the amendment, and the rival presidential camps will be able to form their own conclusions and make their claims when the totals are computed.

This was determined officially by Attorney-General Brundage and formally announced in an opinion given to Governor Frank O. Lowden. Governor Lowden, in a letter to Mr. Brundage, had suggested that such steps might be legally taken and requested the attorney general to investigate the proposition. Governor Lowden's letter to Attorney General Brundage said: "In view of the deep interest that is being manifested in the suffrage movement and its far reaching effects, to say nothing of the rights of the thousands of women in the State of Illinois, who ought to be entitled to express their preference, I am addressing you on the subject of the presidential preference primaries." He refers to the an-

nounced determination of the election commission in Chicago to permit Chicago women to vote and continued:

"I would be very glad indeed if the women of the State outside of Cook county can be accorded the same privilege that is to be given to the women of Cook county, and therefore would respectfully ask that you consider the question whether or not ballots can be printed for the use of the women in the 101 counties in the approaching primaries, without invalidating the election. These ballots will be separate and may be counted separately so that should there be any question or should any contest develop, the legal results can be easily obtained."

Attorney General Brundage's reply to Governor Lowden follows: "In reply to your communication I beg to state that, although I have previously rendered an opinion that under the law of the State of Illinois women are not legally to vote for delegates to the coming national party nominating conventions, assuming of course that the amendment to the federal constitution giving universal suffrage to women shall not have been ratified and a proclamation issued announcing such ratification shall not have been made, I am of the opinion that, under the conditions set forth in your letter, the casting of ballots by women at the coming preferential presidential primaries would not invalidate such primaries, it being understood that the ballots will be separate, counted separately, and sealed and reported separately."

Edward J. Brundage.

Telegraphic notice went out to the 101 county clerks from the office of Secretary of State Emmerson, directing them to prepare the women's ballots as indicated in the attorney general's opinion.

HOMAGE PAID TO THE MEMORY OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN BY THE TRADE UNIONISTS OF INDIA.

Twenty thousand trade unionists in India paid tribute to the memory of Abraham Lincoln, Thursday, April 29, when their leader Bahman Pestonji Wadia, laid a wreath at the foot of the Statue of the great emancipator in Lincoln Park, Chicago.

"What wonderful words are those: 'Of the people, for the people, and by the people', exclaimed Wadia as he deposited the floral tribute.

"Lincoln was one of the greatest men the world will ever know. Lincoln is greatly admired in India by all of our people. It was he who inspired me at the age of 22 to take up the work for my people."

Mr. Wadia was the first man to organize trade unions in India and is the leader in the home rule movement there. He is a former member of the National Council of India. He is now 38 years old. He came to the United States last October to represent the working people of India at the labor conference in Washington. Since then he has been touring the United States.

He arrived in Chicago on Sunday April 25. J. F. Cornelius, Secretary of the city club was his guide and host.

"We have 20,000 trade unionists in India" he said. "This body is not a fighting group such as the unions are in this country, but is made up of clubs and organizations pledged to aid in settling all difficulties which may arise throughout the country. I was sent to England by Edwin Samuel Montague, commissioner to India, to appear before the house of lords and the house of commons to report on conditions in India and plead the cause of home rule."

Mr. Wadia has made such an effective impression on parliament that India has been guaranteed she will be given the same rights and privileges enjoyed by Canada, within the next fifteen years, should her development progress as swiftly as it has in the past. "As a result there is a great wave of satisfaction and contentment spreading all over India" explained Mr. Wadia. "We are working as we have never worked before."

Mr. Wadia expects to sail for India on May 25.

GREAT STORM AT CHICAGO AND OTHER PLACES IN NORTHERN ILLINOIS.

On Sunday, March 28, 1920, a wind storm of unusual severity passed over the north part of the State spreading destruction in its path. About one hundred persons were killed and much damage was done to property. Ohio, Indiana

and Michigan also suffered from the storm. Parts of Elgin, Melrose Park, Maywood and Dunning were severely injured by the storm.

The storm hit Elgin at 12:10 o'clock noon. Many persons were in church at the time. The roofs of two churches caved in and several persons were killed, and many injured. These were the First Congregational church and the First Baptist church of Elgin. Other churches and congregations suffered. The Chicago Health Department acted promptly in immediately sending nurses and other forms of relief to the stricken communities. Public funerals were held in some communities for the victims of the storm. The Chicago Tribune started a relief fund and other organizations gave aid. It is estimated that two hundred and twenty-five homes were demolished.

J. J. ZMRHAL, OF CHICAGO, TO REORGANIZE CZECH SCHOOLS.

J. J. Zmrhal, principal of the Herzl School, has been granted a leave of absence by the Chicago Board of Education to help reorganize the educational system of Czecho-Slovakia. He will go to the new republic as a representative of the National Educational Association.

The minister of education of Czecho-Slovakia requested the government at Washington to lend Mr. Zmrhal's services. He expects to be gone about seven months, and will take exhibits of the work of Chicago school children, as models for the children of Czecho-Slovakia.

Dr. Adolph Mach, who has accepted the chair of dentistry in the University of Ratislow, will accompany Mr. Zmrhal.

JULIA LATHROP TO AID CZECHS IN CHILD WELFARE.

At the formal request of the Czecho-Slovakian government, Miss Julia Lathrop of Chicago, head of the National Child bureau, sailed for Prague, March 6, to aid the New European republic in matters pertaining to child welfare work. Miss Lathrop was accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Almon G. Case of Rockford, Illinois. They will return July

1st. The formal invitation was brought by Jan Masaryk, counsellor of legation and charge d'affaires of Czecho-Slovakia. It was approved by both the department of labor and the State department. Dr. Masaryk went to the University of Chicago as exchange professor about ten years ago at the request of Charles R. Crane.

**CHICAGO SCULPTOR DEDICATES STATUETTE
TO WAR MOTHER OF SOLDIERS AND
SAILORS.**

Sigvald Asbjornsen, Chicago sculptor, designer of the statue "The Gold Star Mother," in honor of the mothers whose sons were killed in the war, recently completed a statuette called, "The Kiss" which he has dedicated to Mrs. Mary Belle Spencer, public guardian of Cook County.

The Statuette, according to its designer, represents the "Mother love of the world" and was dedicated to Mrs. Spencer because during the war she acted as guardian of several hundred soldiers and sailors. Mrs. Spencer posed for "The Gold Star Mother."

**ILLINOIS WOMAN APPOINTED AMERICAN RED
CROSS LEADER ON CONTINENT.**

Miss Helen Scott Hay of Savannah, Illinois, formerly chief nurse of the Red Cross Commission to the Balkans, has been appointed Chief Nurse of the American Red Cross Commission to Europe, according to a cablegram received at Red Cross National headquarters in Washington.

Miss Hay, a graduate, and later superintendent of nurses of the Illinois training school for nurses, Chicago, began her Red Cross service in September, 1914, when she was placed in charge of 126 Red Cross nurses who sailed on the relief ship, "Red Cross" for active duty in Europe.

Miss Hay was decorated in 1915 by the Russian government with the gold cross of Saint Anne. The King of Bulgaria bestowed upon her the Bulgarian royal red cross. As chief nurse of the Red Cross commission to Europe, Miss Hay will have charge of all Red Cross nursing activities in Poland, the Balkans, Czecho-Slovakia and France.

**MRS. MARY ANN POTTER CELEBRATES
HER 106TH BIRTHDAY.**

Illinois' oldest woman and perhaps the eldest in the middle west, whose age can be substantiated, Mrs. Mary Ann Potter of Dwight, Illinois, celebrated her one hundred and sixth birthday anniversary Monday, February 23, 1920. She was born in Essex, N. Y., February 23, 1814, and has lived in Illinois since a small child. It is the unique distinction of Mrs. Potter to have lived in Illinois since it was first admitted to the union.

It is true of Mrs. Potter and perhaps of no other person, that she has a personal knowledge of the five great wars in which the United States was involved. Her grandfather was a soldier of the Revolution, and was fond of telling his granddaughter of his experiences with Washington and the great military leaders of 1776. Her father was a soldier of the War of 1812, and he, too, told his daughter of his duties in that conflict. Her husband was a soldier in the war with Mexico. While during the Civil war, the Spanish-American war, and also during the World war, she knit socks and made bandages for the soldiers. Despite her advanced age Mrs. Potter keeps in touch with public affairs and has voted at every election since her sex was given the right of suffrage.

**JUDGE JACOB R. CREIGHTON DIES IN
FAIRFIELD, ILLINOIS.**

Judge Jacob R. Creighton died at his home in Fairfield, Illinois, April 14, 1920. He was twice elected circuit judge in the Second Judicial district and was on the appellate bench at Springfield, Illinois, for one term. He was twice State's Attorney of Wayne county, Illinois. Was a member of the Wayne county draft exemption board. He was 72 years old and leaves a widow, two sons and a daughter.

**INVENTOR OF WONDERFUL CLOCK DIES
IN AURORA, ILLINOIS.**

William Blanford, an inventor, who worked a lifetime on a clock which tells simultaneously the time in all parts of the world and records atmospheric changes and astronomical

conditions, died at Aurora, Illinois, February 18, 1919, aged 82 years. The great timepiece automatically lights up at night. It is driven by fifty pound weights. It has been inspected by scientists from all parts of the world. Aurora women are raising \$5,000 to buy the clock for the city.

ARCHITECT OF WORLD'S FAIR, CHICAGO, DIES.

John Charles Olmsted, famous landscape architect, who made the preliminary plans for the grounds of the World's Fair and designed Chicago's south park system, died Tuesday night, February 24th in Brookline, Mass. Mr. Olmsted was born in Switzerland in 1852, the son of American parents. He was also the designer of the expositions at Seattle, Portland, Oregon, San Diego, Cal., and Winnipeg, Man. He planned the landscape features for West Point Military Academy and hundreds of private homes, the park systems of Boston, Buffalo, Rochester, New York, Milwaukee and other cities.

CHARLES FRANCIS BROWNE NOTED ARTIST DIES IN EAST.

Charles Francis Browne, landscape painter and instructor in the Art Institute of Chicago and one of the best known artists in the country, died March 30, 1920, at his mother's home in Waltham, Massachusetts, where he was born in 1859.

Mr. Browne went abroad to study art when he was little more than a boy, and returned in 1890, coming to Chicago. He was the founder of "Brush and Pencil" and its editor, president of the Chicago Society of Artists, member and director of the western Society of Artists, the Little Room, the American Federation of Arts, and various National organizations.

Mr. Browne was stricken with paralysis last summer while at the artists colony on Rock River. He spent the autumn near Chicago, recovering somewhat, and went east hopeful of full recovery.

Mr. Browne married the sister of Lorado Taft.

A sale of his paintings last winter conducted by friends, headed by Ralph Clarkson, brought to Mr. Browne a fund of

\$12,000. Funeral services were held in Waltham, Massachusetts, April 1st.

**MARJORIE BENTON COOKE WRITER AND PLAY-
WRIGHT. DIES IN MANILA.**

A cablegram from Manila, April 26, announced the death of Miss Marjorie Benton Cooke, author and playwright. She had arrived in Manila only a few days before on a trip around the world. The cablegram was received by her brother, Edson Benton Cooke of 5324 Kimbark Avenue, Chicago.

Miss Cooke was well known in Chicago. She was born there. For the last three years she had lived in New York. Her most successful books of fiction were "Bambi" and "The Dual Alliance."

Gifts of Books, Letters, Photographs and Manuscripts to the Illinois State Historical Library and Society.

- American Political Classics. By George Clark Sargent. Gift of the Lux School of Industrial Training, San Francisco, Cal.
- Army Signal School. Last course. The Langres Lingerer. France, No. 4, 1918 to Jan. 31, 1919. Gift of Lieut. Kaywin Kennedy, 1201 Broadway, Normal Illinois.
- Avery, Fairchild and Park Families of Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Rhode Island. Pub. Hartford, Conn. 1919. Gift of Samuel Putnam Avery, Hartford, Conn.
- Brearley, Harry C. Time Telling through the Ages. By Harry C. Brearley, N. Y. 1919. Gift of Robert H. Ingersoll & Bro., N. Y. City.
- Catholic Beginnings in Kansas City, Missouri. Gift of Rev. Gilbert Garrahan, S. J., Loyola University Press, Chicago.
- Chicago Since 1837. By Gordon Best. Pub. by S. D. Childs & Co., 1917. Gift of the Publisher.
- Democratic Text Book, 1920. Gift of Mrs. Howard T. Willson, Virden, Ill.
- Eastman Zebina. Eight Years in a British Consulate. By Zebina Eastman. Pub. Chicago, 1919. Gift of Mr. Sidney Corning Eastman, Chicago, Ill.
- Der Freiheitsbote for Illinois. I. May 6, 1840. Gift of Miss B. E. Rombauer, 4311 W. Pine St., St. Louis, Mo.
- Illinois State, Bureau County. Honor Roll Bureau County, Illinois World War, 1917-1919. Gift of Mr. Clifford R. Trimble, Princeton, Illinois.
- Illinois State. Mason County. Honor Book and Record, World War. Jones Brothers, Publishers. 712 Federal St., Chicago. Gift of the Publishers.
- Illinois State. Pike County, Ill. Atlas Map of, by Andreas Lyter & Co., Davenport, Iowa, 1872.
- Illinois State, Pike Co., Ill. History of Pike County, Illinois, 1880. Chas. C. Chapman & Co., Publishers, Chicago.
- Illinois State, Pike Co., Ill. Revised ordinances of the President and Trustees of the Town of Griggsville, Illinois, 1878. Above three Pike County items. Gifts of Mr. James A. Farrand of Griggsville, Illinois.
- Illinois State, Sangamon County. Land warrant. Amos Lock. Sangamon County. Dated 16th day of May, 1831. Signed by President Andrew Jackson.
- Land Warrant. Josiah Francis of Sangamon Co., dated 1st Day of November, 1839, signed by President Martin Van Buren.
- Deed John Huston and wife to D. Newsom, Sangamon Co. Filed April 28, 1831.
- Deed John Huston and wife to David Newsom and Samuel Huston, Sangamon Co. Dated Feb. 28th, 1833.
- Deed N. A. Ware to D. Newsom, Filed for Record, Sangamon Co., June 11, 1838.
- Deed Samuel Huston and wife to David Newsom, Sangamon Co. Dated April 21, 1840.

- James Higby Jun. and Martha Higby. To Mortgage. Francis Sanford, Sept. 3, 1842.
- Deed James L. Lamb and wife to Isaiah Francis. Sangamon Co. 24 May, 1848.
- Deed Nathaniel A. Ware to David Newsom. Dated Sangamon Co., Nov. 10, 1849.
- Deed Henry P. Cone and wife to Josiah Francis. Sangamon Co. Dated Aug. 16, 1851.
- Deed William S. Curry and wife to Josiah Francis. Sangamon Co., dated Jan. 5, 1856. Above Sangamon County items. Gift of Hon. Clinton L. Conkling, Springfield, Ill.
- Illinois State. Whiteside Co. Sketches of Cottonwood District No. 102.
- Ustick Township Whiteside County. Illinois History. Record. Memories. 42 p. Morrisonville, Ill. The Sentinel Press, 1902. Gift of Mr. A. N. Abbott, Morrisonville, Ill.
- Illinois State. Woman's Press Association Year Book. 1919-1920. Gift of Mrs. Maude S. Evans, 5468 Ellis Ave., Chicago, Illinois.
- Langres Lingerer (The) Army Signal School last Course. France, No. 4, 1918 to Jan. 31, 1919. Edited by Lt. Kaywin Kennedy, Signal Corps, A. E. F. Gift of Lieut. Kaywin Kennedy, 1201 Broadway, Normal, Ills.
- Minor, Manasseh. The Diary of Manasseh Minor of Stonington, Connecticut, 1697-1720. Published by Frank Denison Miner with the assistance of Miss Hannah Miner, 1915. Privately printed, No. 104. Gift of Mrs. Lewis H. Miner, Springfield, Illinois.
- Morgan Family. Francis Morgan, an early Virginia Burgess, and some of his descendants. By Annie Noble Sims, from the notes of Mr. William Owen Nixon Scott. Savannah, Ga. 1920. Gift of Mrs. William Irvin Sims.
- New York. Columbia University, Sexennial catalogue of Columbia University, N. Y. 1916. Gift of the University.
- New York. Moravian Journals relating to Central New York, 1745-66. By Rev. William M. Beauchamp.
- New York. Onondaga Historical Association. Revolutionary soldiers of Onondaga County, New York. By Rev. William M. Beauchamp. Gift of the Onondaga Historical Association, Syracuse, N. Y.
- Roosevelt, Theodore. Theodore Roosevelt's visit to Cheyenne, Wyoming, 1910. Gift of Wm. C. Deming, Tribune Co. Cheyenne, Wyoming.
- Stead, William H. "The Trail of the Yankee." Manuscript copy of lecture delivered by William H. Stead, 1901. Gift of Hon. Charles E. Woodward, Ottawa, Illinois.
- Stillwell, Leander. The Story of a common soldier or Army Life in the Civil War. 1861-1865. Gift of Leander Stillwell, Erie, Kansas.
- Wheeler, (Capt.) Erastus. Manuscript Record Book of Captain Erastus Wheeler, 1846. Gift of Mrs. Charles H. Burton, Edwardsville, Illinois. A grand-daughter of Captain Wheeler.